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4. COMMENT. PER REF (A), MESSEGE IS ATTEMPTING TO
OBTAIN TEXT OF PRESIDENT ZIA'S REMARKS. WE HAVE
BEEN UNABLE TO DO SO. POST BELIEVES HE WAS SPEAKING
FORTHROPHEOUSLY, AND THAT A TEXT MAY NOT BE
OBTAINABLE. WE CONTINUE TO APPROACH MFA OFFICIALS,
WHO TO DATE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE MORE
DETAILS. END COMMENT.

5. REPORTED SOVIET REACTION TO REMARKS

6. THE MOST RECENT COVERAGE OF THIS ISSUE SUBJECT IS
A NOVEMBER 3 ARTICLE THAT APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGE
OF MOSCOW'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY "THE NATION" THE
ARTICLE CLAIMED THAT THE SOVIET UNION TOOK SERIOUS THE
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NOTE OF ZIA'S STATEMENTS AND SAID THAT SOVIET
AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN VEZIROV HAD CHARACTERIZED
ZIA'S REMARKS AS HOSTILE IN A DEMARCH TO THE MFA.
ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR TO
THE SOVIET UNION HAD BEEN GIVEN A SIMILAR MESSAGE.
6. "THE NATION" ALSO MENTIONED SOVIET UNFAVORABLE
VIEW PAKISTAN'S OPPOSITION TO SOVIET AGREEMENTS TO
THE AFGHANISTAN RESOLUTION AT THE UNGA. IT ALSO

REPORTED THAT THE "MOSCOW NEWS" HAD DENIED RECENT
REPORTS IN THE PAKISTANI PRESS THAT THE USSR HAD
OFFERED PAKISTAN \$4 BILLION IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO
MATCH THE U.S. AID PACKAGE.

7. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT, AS THE RESULT OF THESE
DEVELOPMENTS, FORCNSTOV'S PLANNED VISIT TO ISLAMABAD
HAD BEEN DELAYED. IT IMPLIED THAT A PLANNED VISIT TO
MOSCOW BY PAKISTAN'S MINISTER FOR COMMERCE, PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT DR. YAFPOOR-UL-HAQ HAD BEEN SIMILARLY
POSTPONED. REPORTEDLY, AME. VEZIROV TOLD THE GOP
THAT SOME PROGRESS ON THE AFGHANISTAN ISSUE WAS A
CONDITION OF THE MINISTER'S TRIP

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